

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	SHAMBLEN et al.	:	Confirmation No. 8707
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Application No.:	10/814,965	:	Group Art Unit: 1742
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For: PRODUCING NICKEL-BASE, COBALT-BASE, IRON-BASE, IRON-NICKEL-BASE,
OR IRON-NICKEL-COBALT-BASE ALLOY ARTICLES BY REDUCTION OF
NONMETALLIC PRECURSOR COMPOUNDS AND MELTING

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

Please consider the following Response for the above-referenced Application.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Response is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 28, 2007.

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Response and any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.

The **Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 7 of this Response.

The **Conclusion** section begins on page 24 of this Response.